

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response the supplemental amendment filed 9/22/08, the following has occurred: Claims 1-238, 242 and 248-253 have been canceled, claims 239-241 and 243-247 have been amended and claims 254-262 have been added. Now claims 239-241, 243-247 and 254-262 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 239-241, 243-247 and 254-262 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for the allowance of claims 239-241, 243-247 and 254-262 is the inclusion of the limitation in the claims, which is not found in the prior art references, of a method of on-line recruitment and selection of individuals who want to volunteer for ongoing consideration as potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of a plurality of clinical trial registered with the recruitment service provider. This along with further limitations set forth by the claims render the application allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

In related art ("Web links cancer patients to drug trials") Machlis teaches a medical management company American Oncology Resources, Inc. (AOR) that helps its doctor participating in drug trials using web-based application and databases

In related art (5,991,731) Colon et al. teaches an Internet-networked system with online communication to a computing center from a large number of clinical study investigators at numerous and diverse locations remote from the computing center.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure as background material and is not of particular significance. These prior art patents fail to teach or fairly suggest of a method of on-line recruitment of individuals who want to volunteer for ongoing consideration as potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of a plurality of clinical trial registered with the recruitment service provider.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT W. MORGAN whose telephone number is (571)272-6773. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, C. Luke Gilligan can be reached on (571) 272-6770. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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